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GREENE COUNTY JUDO INSTRUCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO SEX WITH TEENAGE STUDENT DURING FOREIGN TRAVELS

DAYTON – Daniel Doyle, age 32, of Spring Valley pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of Engaging in Illicit Sexual Conduct in a Foreign Place. Doyle, a judo instructor, admitted to having sex with a teenage student of his between August 2003 and April 2007, including when coaching and chaperoning her at judo competitions around the world. He also admitted videotaping the two of them engaged in sex on at least one occasion.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division; Greene County Sheriff Gene Fischer, and Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Stephen K. Haller announced the plea entered today before United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

Under terms of the plea agreement, Doyle faces at least 100 months and up to 120 months imprisonment. Additional penalties include a \$100 mandatory special assessment, a fine of up to \$250,000, restitution in an amount to be determined by the Court, at least five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release, and forfeiture of certain video-making equipment. Doyle will also be required to register as a federal sex offender wherever he lives after he serves his sentence.

Judge Rose scheduled Doyle's sentencing hearing for February 28, 2008.

According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, the victim started judo classes with Doyle in 1998 when she was about eight years old. Doyle began a sexual relationship with the victim when she was no older than 14. Doyle also videotaped at least one occurrence of the pair engaged in sexual activity when the victim was approximately 16 years old.

Doyle admitted to illicit sexual activity with the victim while he was her chaperon at judo competitions in Venezuela, Estonia, and Russia in 2005 and 2006.

"Exploiting a child when so far away from home is a reprehensible crime," Lockhart said. "Such crimes are a violation of trust, as well as a violation of the law. They rob minors of their childhood."

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by agents of the FBI and Greene County Sheriff's Office as well as the cooperation with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who is prosecuting the case.

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